

# Sara J. Tomczuk

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## Education

2017          PhD, Sociology, *University of Washington*

Dissertation: “Environment of Tension, Moments of Conflict: A Comparative Study of Majority-Roma Interethnic Relations in the Czech Republic and Slovakia”

Committee: Steve Pfaff (chair), Sarah Quinn, Stewart Tolnay, and James Felak

Qualifying exams: Sociology of Culture, Race and Ethnicity

2011          MA Sociology, *University of Washington*

2008          BA Sociology and History, magna cum laude, *The College of New Jersey*

## Publication and Work Under Review

Tomczuk, Sara J. 2017. “Contact in integrated church organizations: Brokering Roma/majority relations and mediating threat to majority group position in Slovak towns.” Revising and Resubmitting for *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*.

Tomczuk, Sara J. 2016. “Contention, consensus, and memories of communism: Comparing Czech and Slovak memory politics in public spaces, 1993-2012.” *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*. 57(3):105-126.

## Research and Teaching Areas

Racial and ethnic relations  
Sociology of culture

Qualitative methods  
Theory

## Grants and Fellowships

2014          Research Fellowship, Chester Fritz International Fellowship *UW Graduate School* (\$6,693 + tuition)

2014          Research Fellowship, *IREX (International Research & Exchanges Board)* (\$31,279)

2014          Research Grant *European Union Center of Excellence in Seattle* (\$2,700)

- 2011 Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship *UW Ellison Center* Summer, Czech language (tuition + stipend)
- 2010 Foreign Language Areas Studies (FLAS) Fellowship *UW Global Studies Center* Academic year, Czech language (tuition + stipend)
- 2010 Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship *UW Ellison Center* Summer, Czech language (tuition + stipend)
- 2007 Research Grant, *Newcomb Center for Research on Women at Tulane University* (\$300)

### Teaching Awards

- 2017 2017 SAGE Professional Development Award in Teaching *ASA Section on Teaching and Learning* (\$600)
- 2016 Award for Excellence in Teaching (Solo Instructor) *UW Department of Sociology*
- 2014 Award for Excellence as a Teaching Assistant *UW Department of Sociology*

### Conference Presentations

- 2017 “Supporting Equality or Emphasizing Difference? State Policy on Interethnic Relations and Conflict in Central Europe.” *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting* Montreal, PQ, Canada.
- 2016 “Churches, Charities, and the Reproduction of Minority Marginalization: Structuring Interethnic Relations in Slovak Towns.” *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting* Seattle, WA
- 2012 “Addressing the Past in Prague and Bratislava: Czech and Slovak Memory Politics and Public Memorials.” *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting* Denver, CO
- 2011 “Western Influences and Eastern Residues on Political Memory: An Analysis of Museums and Memorials in Prague and Bratislava.” *Annual Pacific Sociological Association Conference* Seattle, WA
- 2008 “Chambermaids and Check-out Girls: Examining the Experience of Russian and Eastern European Female Migrant Workers” with Eileen Tomczuk. *Eastern Sociological Society Conference* New York City, New York

### Visiting Affiliations, Invited Lectures, and Colloquia

- 2017 Invited Speaker *UW Qualitative Multi-Method Research (QUAL) Initiative* Seattle, WA
- 2017 Invited Speaker *Lucia Neare’s ACT Theatre Project* Seattle, WA

- 2016 Faculty Exchange *University of Ljubljana* Ljubljana, Slovenia
- 2016 Invited Speaker *UW Qualitative Multi-Method Research (QUAL) Initiative* Seattle, WA
- 2015 Visiting Scholar *Pavol Jozef Šafárik University* Košice, Slovakia
- 2014 Visiting Scholar *Institute of Sociology of the Czech Academy of Sciences* Prague, Czech Republic
- 2014 Graduate Student Workshop *Colorado European Union Center of Excellence* Boulder, Colorado
- 2013 Junior Scholars' Training Seminar *Woodrow Wilson Center East European Studies* Aspen Wye River, Maryland.

## Teaching Experience

- 2013-present Instructor *UW Department of Sociology*
- 2015-2017 Sociology Writing Center *UW Department of Sociology*
- 2015 Instructor *North Seattle College*
- 2008-2013 Teaching Assistant *UW Department of Sociology*
- 2007 Teaching Assistant *The College of New Jersey Department of Sociology and Anthropology*
- 2007 Intern and Docent *Jewish Heritage Museum –A Living Memorial to the Holocaust*

## Prepared Courses

Sociology of Culture: Values, Identities and Actions  
 Sociological Theory  
 Qualitative Methods  
 Ethnic and National Identities  
 Introduction to Sociology (hybrid online/in-person course using Canvas LMS)  
 Sociology of Education Practicum (with a service-learning element)  
 Evolution and Revolution: Introduction to Macrosociology

## Professional Service

- 2017-2019 Elected student representative *ASA Comparative Historical Sociology Section*
- 2017 Committee member, Cox Article Award Committee *ASA Sociology of Racial and Ethnic Minorities Section*
- 2017 Committee member, Graduate Student Association *UW Department of Sociology*
- 2016 Committee member, nominations committee *ASA Sociology of Culture Section*
- 2016 Volunteer, mini-conference *ASA Comparative Historical Sociology Section*
- 2016 Volunteer, qualitative methods consulting *Lucia Neare's ACT Theatre Project*

2013 Volunteer *University Beyond Bars*

## Professional Trainings

- 2017 *Teacher Training Workshop* [facilitator] UW Department of Sociology  
2017 *Atlas.ti Training* [co-facilitator] UW Qualitative Multi-Method Research (QUAL) Initiative  
2017 *Leading with a Racial Equity Lens for Structural Transformation* UW Race and Equity Initiative  
2017 *Hybrid Pedagogies* UW Graduate School Course  
2016 *Including All Students: Teaching Student Veterans* UW Office of Student Veteran Life  
2016 *Safe(r) Zone Training* UW Q Center

## Languages

Czech (fluent), Slovak (intermediate)

## Professional Affiliations

American Sociological Association  
Social Science History Association  
Pacific Sociological Association  
Eastern Sociological Society  
Gypsy Lore Society

## References

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